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## Good Roads Meeting At the Nu Sho Saturday May 10 3 P. M.

Mora County Supt. of Roads, Blas Sanchez, will be present and it may be that we can secure some practical means of working roads on this mesa.

Come and try anyway.

## School Exams.

Eighth grade diplomas have been awarded by the State Department of Education to the 475 pupils who successfully passed the state examination March 20th and 21st. They have been signed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction Jonathan H. Wagner and sent to the County school supts., to be signed by them and the teachers before delivery to the graduates.

Roy

Ruth Dewey Lottie Butts  
Marshall Hunter Hazel Halferty  
Frank Baker Perry Smith  
Muri Johnson Wensel Swain  
Second Examination  
Ernest Wade  
Wagon Mound  
Bernice Herrera.

The second examination was held April 24th and 25th and the last one of the season will occur on May 15th and 16th. The papers from the April examination are arriving and are being graded by the examiners.

The system of conducting the eighth grade examinations under the direction of the Dept. of Education was introduced in 1917. Prior to this only the results of the examinations held in the schools were reported. Under the present system the board of examiners of the Dept. of Education prepares the questions which are the same for all schools in the state. The papers are sent to the dept. by the county supts. and are graded by the examiners. Pupils receiving an average of 75 per cent with no grade below 60 per cent in any one study are awarded diplomas.

This system has brought order and uniformity out of the former chaotic condition. It gives the diplomas a definite standing under the authority of the State Dept. of Education and they are therefore recognized not alone in New Mexico but in other states.

The graduates may enter without entrance examinations the high schools or the preparatory depts. of the higher educational institutions of the state.

This system has also brought the dept. much closer to the teachers, pupils, and officers of the common schools of the state. This gives the dept. better opportunity to supervise the work of the elementary schools and at the same time stimulate interest in the school room.

"This dept.", says J. H. Wagner Supt. of Public Instruction, "has a personal interest in every child in New Mexico and its welfare. The elementary schools lay the foundation for the education of the future citizens of the state. It is, therefore, highly important that such schools are conducted efficiently and conscientiously to lay a sound foundation for a thorough and practical education of every child."

"The eighth grade diploma, continued Mr. Wagner, "is not evidence that the education of the graduate is completed. The diploma marks a milestone. It is just a reminder that the first step has been taken and that the graduate is ready to take the sec-

## Clean Up Day

To The Citizens of Roy:

In compliance with ordinance No. 17, which requires that all Public Streets, alleys, private yards and stables shall be kept clean, and that no rubbish shall be allowed to remain for any length of time within the Incorporated limits of said Village:

THEREFORE: I Proclaim Thursday May 15th 1919, as a "General Clean up Day" in said Village of Roy, and I earnestly urge all the residents of the Village to comply with this request and those failing to do so will be punished according to the provisions of the above mentioned ordinance as passed by the Village authorities.

Remigio Lopez

Acting Mayor

Attest

Melville Floersheim

Village Clerk

The Roy Garage sold a Fordson Tractor to Jim Lloyd, Solano this week. Jim drove it home Wednesday and has it broke to work in the fields. This makes three Fordsons in the Solano community and all are delivering the goods. They are all in good hands where they are treated right.

All base ball players and those who ought to play are asked to come out to the diamond Sunday afternoon and practice with a view to organizing a team and playing the game this summer.

John Brockman of Mills, is home again after a year's service overseas. He is convinced that the U. S. is the greatest country in the world and N. M. is the best part of the U. S. John was in six battles and was wounded once with a piece of shrapnel in his hand. He didn't mind it when the war was on but don't care for the army with no fighting in it, and he is glad to be home with a clean record and an honorable discharge which he wouldn't trade for any field of wheat on the mesa.

Will Davenport broke his arm while working on a windmill last week.

He was standing on the tower and trying to tighten a bolt and twisted his arm too hard.

Second step- the high school course. This course is an essential part of the course of study in the public schools and intended for all children alike. This fact merits careful consideration.

"The better the children of today are educated, the better citizens they will be; and the better will they understand to meet their own individual problems and the problems of their communities, the state and the Nation."

"New Mexico has difficult educational problems of its own," said Mr. Wagner. "Yet the progress being made is gratifying. Greater interest in education is apparent. Better teachers are being employed. The school terms are becoming longer. Better school houses and equipment are being provided. High Schools are being brought up to standard and are being placed on the accredited list. This is important as it gives the graduates admission without entrance examinations to educational institutions all over the United States."

Mr. Wagner is well pleased with the result of the March examination. He announces that the following pupils in the Mora County schools passed successfully and have been awarded eighth grade diplomas.

## German Helmets For Victory Loan Workers



Eighty-five thousand German helmets, captured by allied troops in Coblenz, are to be awarded as prizes by Federal district committees in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign. They will be given to Victory note salesmen making the best selling records under competition in counties and cities.

In the picture shown above, taken on the Treasury steps in Washington, are shown Frank R. Wilson, director of publicity (left), and Lewis B. Franklin, director of War Loan Organization (right). Wilson created a panic in the helmet market by buying the entire \$5,000 allotment from the War Department for \$1. It cost the German Government more than that amount to manufacture each one of the helmets. The helmets shown were a special supply held in reserve for a triumphal entry into Paris. Eventually they arrived there by freight.

## Hail Insurane

Extract from letter written to Prof. R. S. Trumbull regarding mutual hail insurance by V. N. Valgren, Investigator in Agricultural Insurance.

"There are two special difficulties as I see it, to be considered in connection with a plan such as you suggest. To one of these difficulties you made specific reference, namely, the lack of adequate legal provisions in the State of New Mexico for a mutual hail insurance company. The provision to which you referred is, I assume, the one contained in Sec. 2137 of the Compiled laws of the state. This provision, so far as appears from the wording however, relates only to "Insurance from loss by fire and death."

If it were assumed nevertheless, that by some special interpretation a mutual hail insurance company might be organized under the section referred to or some other provision of the laws of the State, the fact still remains that three counties is rather too restricted an area for the successful operation of a hail insurance company, where as in the case of Northern New Mexico the hail is relatively severe. Experience has demonstrated that while a fire ins. co. can be conducted successfully by the farmers in a single county or where farms are small in even a more limited area, hail as well as wind-storm ins. requires a much wider territorial distribution of risks."

There is much of interest in this letter that we cannot reproduce now but will be presented in full when Mr. Trumbull arrives about May 12th.

The opinion is ventured that it is difficult to see how any practical Mutual Insurance for Farmers can be organized under existing laws in N. M. but The Dept. gives assurance of assistance in trying to overcome the difficulties.

Uncle Eben.

"Many a man," said Uncle Eben, "turns over a new leaf an' den puts de same ol' writin' on it."

## School Plays

The High School and Eighth Graders of the Roy Schools gave their Class Play, "In the Middle of a Bad Fix" Wednesday evening to a audience packing the house almost to suffocation. The play was a jolly little farce and was well rendered. Naturally it was replete with love-making and marrying but it pleased the audience until they forgot how crowded they were.

The Nu Sho auditorium was again packed to the doors for the Primary and Intermediate grades show Wednesday evening "Midsummer Eve", as the title implies, is a child and fairy conception and gave opportunity for lots of singing, dancing and drills but the children, they were carefully trained and beautifully dressed and parents and friends were delighted with the performance.

F. B. Misner and family entertain this, Thursday evening by giving a picture show and other forms of amusement at their new barn which is just completed.

All their friends are invited. The Graduating exercises of the Roy Schools prevents many from accepting their invitation. The barn is the largest and best on the mesa and will shelter his herd of thoroughbred Holstein dairy cows he intends to bring from Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gardner S. Chapin drove in from Gladstone Tuesday with a Fordson tractor which he turned in to the Roy Garage to help with their filling their orders.

The Dr. purchased two last year but found one was equal to all his work so sold the other. Dr. Chapin is a graduate of the Rush Medical College Chicago and a practitioner in that city before coming west. He is curing for the medical needs of this community besides farming extensively and is a very progressive citizen.

## Car of Herfords

T. E. Mitchell shipped a car of White Face Bulls to a man at El Paso Texas last Thursday who will put them on his ranch.

Mr. Mitchell makes a specialty of thoroughbred Herford Bulls in carload lots for big ranches.

These animals had lived in the open all winter, and were rough as a consequence but in good condition, but not so uniform in size as some cars he has shipped.

This is only a side line of the Mitchell ranch as they ship train loads of herfords to the market every year, selecting the choice individuals from thousands of calves for breeding purposes.

It is Mr. Mitchell's ambition to own the best bred herd in N. M.

C. E. Seybold returned to Roy this week and is meeting friends of yore. He has been in the army and was recently discharged, like all the others he is looking fine and seems glad to be back among old friends.

Miss Mae Jackson manager of the Wilson store in Solano, went to Mills last week to substitute for some of the people of the main store while they were absent at Court. She claimed to believe she could fill any place there except Mc's and she could occupy it.

We are pleased to add the names of Dr. Chapin and McNeil Bros of Gladstone, to our list of readers in that prosperous valley which is tributary to Roy from choice and because of the good roads to this town.

Si Kilmurray and wife drove to Raton Wednesday in their Franklin, the last report from them was that they were in the mud-up near Abbott.

S. J. Pruett a guest at the S. E. Paxton home and a brother of Mrs. Paxton was with the famous 42nd Rainbow division in France on the firing line for one year and he was in the Arogonne forest.

## Do it Now

Current taxes must be paid promptly and payment of delinquent taxes cannot be longer deferred if House Bills Nos. 380 & 381 enacted into law by the last legislature are properly enforced. The taxpayers Association of N. M. publishes the substance of these laws in the April number of the "Tax Review".

Under H. B. No. 381, District Attorneys or counsel employed by the State Tax Commission are required to commence and prosecute suits for the collection of delinquent taxes. In all such suits, ten per cent of the total amount of the delinquent taxes, penalty, interests and other costs shall be charged and collected as costs to be paid by the defendant or recovered by sale of the property. From this ten per cent shall be paid, the compensation of special counsel and other expenses incurred by the State Tax Commission.

Under these two laws it should be possible to reduce considerably the amount of outstanding taxes which now exceeds \$2,250,000. As all delinquent taxes which accrued prior to January 1 1915 will be put into the state or county road funds and roads and schools will receive their respective shares of taxes that have accrued since that date, the laws relating to the collection of taxes should be strictly enforced. If back taxes are paid in, the public business could be placed upon a cash basis within the next twelve months.

Miss Leda Schnell, graduate from the Roy High School last year and one of the most successful teachers in the county, came down from Mills Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. Margaret Bursick, who has been employed at Raton for several months is home again with her father, Jake Kerns, of Roy.

Leo Wagner has decided to take a vacation and visit his parents in Oklahoma. He has never recovered from the effects of Flu and wants to be able to get busy when wheat harvest time comes.

## CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to our friends and neighbors whose sympathy and kindnesses to us in our bereavement in the death of our baby Ralph Hunter Courtney has helped us to bear our grief and softened our sorrow.

May God bless and reward you.

Thomas L. Courtney and family

Mrs. C. C. Belknap directs that the three last copies and all future ones, of the S.A. be sent her at Ancho, N. M. where she is now employed as Agt. for the E. I. and S. W. Ry. She is still interested in Roy and hopes to return here sometime.

The Editor and wife took a short vacation and drove to Raton Sunday returning Tuesday evening. They stopped for dinner each way with Mrs. Ogden's sister Mrs. S. E. Pelphrey at French met many friends in Raton and had a very nice trip. The roads were rough much of the way but dry.

The Roy Garage received a carload of Fords this week and has already sold three of them. Melville Floersheim, Dr. Selfand a customer at Gladstone got them.